

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Appointments to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the State Board of Education (SBE) appoint the following nominees to fill the current vacancies on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC):

- Megan Palmer - Special Education Teacher – Rural
- Dorothy Pomin – Foster Care
- Laura Bruni – Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities
- Teresa Michelle McKinney – Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals
- Leota Tucker – Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities
- Karen Taycher – OSEP Funded State Parent Training Information Center

The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) disseminated requests to interested parties for the purpose of soliciting nominations for current vacancies on the SEAC. Nominees have been recommended to serve based upon the information included in the Application for Advisory Groups, Biographical/Background Information that the nominee submits to the Department. In addition the following criteria is also taken into consideration: 1) current service in the position for which nomination is received, e.g., parent of a child with disability must have a child ages 0-26 in special education; individual with disabilities must have a disability, etc.; 2) experience and knowledge in the field of special education; 3) membership in and/or representation of a constituent group; and 4) geographical representation of the state. This information has been reviewed by the NDE staff. The following summarizes the nominations received and the NDE staff recommendations for appointments:

APPOINTMENTS TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Special Education Teacher - Rural - two nominations were received to fill one vacancy. The NDE recommends the appointment of Megan Palmer. Ms. Palmer meets the criteria set forth in the IDEA and by the SBE. This appointment will fill a new three-year term from July 1, 2017 and will conclude June 30, 2020.

Foster Care - one nomination was received to fill one vacancy. The NDE recommends the appointment of Dorothy Pomin. Ms. Pomin meets the criteria set forth in the IDEA and by the SBE. This appointment will fill a new three-year term from July 1, 2017 and will conclude June 30, 2020.

Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities - three nominations were received to fill six vacancies. The NDE recommends the appointment of Laura Bruni, Teresa Michelle McKinney, and Leota Tucker. These applicants meet the criteria set forth in the IDEA and by the SBE. These appointments will fill new three-year terms from July 1, 2017 and will conclude June 30, 2020.

OSEP Funded State Parent Training Information Center - one nomination was received to fill one vacancy. The NDE recommends the appointment of Karen Taycher. Ms. Taycher meets the criteria set forth in the IDEA and by the SBE. This appointment will fill a new three-year term from July 1, 2017 and will conclude June 30, 2020.

Vacancies remain for the following area: Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities (3), State Juvenile/Adult Corrections (1), Private Schools (1), and Homeless Education (1). The NDE will continue to seek nominations for representatives in this vacant area.

Name of Group: Special Education Advisory Committee

NAME/ADDRESS	REPRESENTATION	NOMINATED BY	COUNTY	INCUMBENT STATUS
Megan Palmer Dayton, NV	Special Education Teacher – Rural	Self	Lyon	None
Dorothy Pomin Carson City, NV	Foster Care	Self	Carson	Current
Laura Bruni Las Vegas, NV	Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities	Self	Clark	None
Teresa Michelle McKinney Las Vegas, NV	Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities	Self	Clark	None
Leota Tucker Las Vegas, NV	Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities	Nancy Fitzgerald	Clark	None
Karen Taycher Las Vegas, NV	OSEP Funded State Parent Training Information Center	NV PEP	Clark	Current